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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION

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Use for Design or Utility Applications

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U.S. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir: Date: November 7, 2001

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (Design Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. Abstract 1 page(s).4. 53 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. Specification in non-English language6. 23 Numbered claim(s); and7. Drawings: 13 sheet(s) 1 set informal; 8. formal of size: A4 11"9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in JAPAN

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| (1) 2000-340956 | November 8, 2000 | (2) | |
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11. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): attached; previously filed (date) filed on _____12. This is a reissue of Patent No. _____13. See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete item 14 or 15.)

14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

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No. PCT/ / filed _____, which

designated the U.S. and that International Application was was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English15. See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US applications ,16. Extension to date: concurrently filed not needed previously filed17. Small Entity Status is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)17(a) Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not essential to make claim)17(b) See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

18. Assignee (optional): _____

19. Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) **(Double check instructions for accuracy.)**:
(Listing of inventor(s) not a requirement, but list if known)

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21. NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, "X" box and list additional inventors on attached sheet (incorporated by reference)



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